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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to check the irregularities being committed in the welfare programmes meant for the people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in each State;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate any programme to provide assisance to these beneficiaries directly;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)
(a) Schemes and programmes for the welfare and upliftment of Scheduled Castes and ScheduledTribes are reviewed regularly by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, for removal of bottlenecks and deficiencies, if any, that may be noticed during the course of the implementation of the schemes/programmes. Further, in order to ensure proper and timely implementation of the schemes and programmes and the intended benefits reach the target groups, and effective system of monitoring has been put in place, as indicated below::

(I) Release of funds to States/UTs is made on the basis of a detailed examination of the proposals received,

(II) Utilisation Certificates are insisted upon in respect of past releases before fresh releases are made,

(III) Periodic progress reports are obtained from the States/UTs, showing the progress of implementation of schemes, the beneficiaries covered and other relevant information/data,

(IV) Senior officers from the Ministries visit the States/UT to assess the progress of implementation of schemes,

(V) Meetings with State Secretaries in charge of the subject are convened to ascertain the progress of implementation of schemes,

(VI) In the case of schemes implemented through Non-Governmental Organisations

(NGOs), funds are released after obtaining the recommendations of the StateGovernments/UTs and after an assessment of the standing of the NGO, pastperformance, etc. Apart from periodic progress reports, the NGOs are required tofurnish Annual accounts and audited reports and Utilisation Certificates on the basis ofwhich further release of funds are made. Inspection of NGOs is also undertaken through State Government/UT officials, and other authorities and also by Central Government officers.

(b) NO, Sir

(c) &(d) Question does not arise.